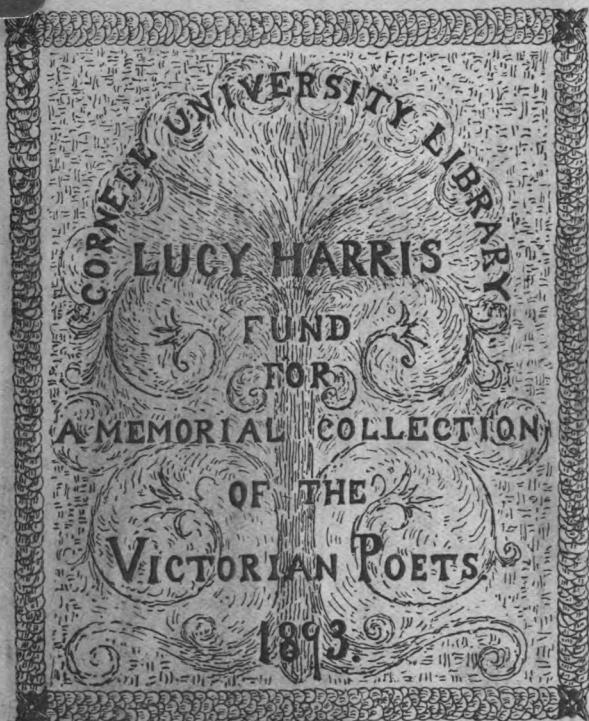

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WHEN I peruse the teeming page
My youth so dearly prized,
I say "This foremost of his age
Is Plato's self baptised."

But kindling, weeping, as I read
And marvel at his pen,
I cry, "This Newman is indeed
Augustine come again."

The sweet, sublime, Athenian Bee
And Hippo's seer, who ran
Through every range of thought I see
Combined in this new man.

New modes, new powers, new aims, new lights,
New love in him I view ;
New piercing of the depths and heights,
Yet not more bold than true.

Our battles here we feebly fought
And scarce could keep the field,
When like a god he rose and wrought
Our armour and our shield.

The clouds disperse to clear his fame ;
The land begins to own
A prophet in a car of flame
Is mounting to his throne.

My father, Israel's chariot, look,
And, ere thou reach the skies,
Smile once—once only—on my book ;
And it has gained the prize.

J. C. E.

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